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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**AVON MAN CHARGED WITH FILING FALSE
INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR HIMSELF AND OTHERS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RICHARD P. RAYMOND, 39, Avon, Indiana, was charged with filing three false individual income tax returns for himself, and with aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of three false income tax returns for other individuals, resulting in the claiming of over \$260,000.00 in tax refunds. Today's charges follow an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.

The charging document alleges that RAYMOND filed false income tax returns for himself for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, on which he claimed false credits for federal tax paid on fuels. For those three years, RAYMOND claimed false refunds of over \$125,000. RAYMOND also aided and assisted two other individuals in preparing and filing false income

tax returns for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, which returns also claimed false credits for federal tax paid on fuels. The total amount of false refunds claimed on those three returns was over \$135,000.00.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Susan Heckard Dowd, who is prosecuting the case for the government, RAYMOND faces a maximum possible prison sentence of six (6) years and a maximum possible fine of \$500,000.00. An initial hearing will be scheduled for RAYMOND before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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